

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure as follows:

"A conventional aluminum killed alloy steel ~~Steel~~ for case hardening of gear(s) and/or shaft components consisting of 0.10 to 0.30 weight % Carbon, 0.15 to 0.35 weight % Silicon, 0.8 to 1.5 weight % Chromium, 0.6 to 1.5 weight % Manganese, 0.017 to 0.040 weight % Aluminum, and balance iron including impurities, produced by vacuum degassing and alike routes. Gear(s) and/or shaft components made by the above steel when treated by modified carbonitriding ~~Modified Carbonitriding~~ followed by hard shot peening ~~Hard Shot Peening~~ process provide both superior bending fatigue strength and pitting fatigue life, capable of withstanding higher torque levels and speeds."

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